

ST MANMANS NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 7th March 2021

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LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS
MASS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBCAM.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 8 pm Sunday 10 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

You can watch live mass feed on www.mcmedia.tv under Clonaslee Parish daily at 9 am, Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 10 am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms available on Saturdays. To arrange a date contact Fr O'Reilly on 057-864-8030.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

It is advisable to give 6 months' notice of your intention to marry to the Church and the Registrar. Contact 057-864-8030 to book the church. All couples getting married must attend a pre-marriage course. Contact ACCORD for marriage preparation courses on 057-934-1831 or accordtull@eircom.net. Marriage & relationship counselling service Mon-Fri 9:30am-1:30 pm.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 7th March – 10 am

Bernard & Ann Breslin, Lar & Josephine Breslin

Saturday 13th March – 8 pm

Tom Smith, Bellair

John Moran, Main Street

Martha Flynn, Coolnabanch

Peter Carroll, Castlecuffe

Tom & Annie Carroll, Ballykaneen

Sunday 14th March – 10 am

Joanne Foyne, Brocca & deceased members

of Flynn & Blake Families
Noel Fitzpatrick, Clara, his father Sean Fitzpatrick, Graiguefulla & grandparents Joe & Annie McCann, Cush

Pray for Loretta Dunne, Main Street who died during the past week.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be online weekly – check it out on www.clonasleeparish.com See www.kandle.ie for up to date news & resources.

ENVELOPES

Thanks to all for your generous donations to the Parish and Clergy. Your envelopes may be left at the Parochial House.

FUNERALS

It is important the numbers attending a funeral should not exceed the current guideline which is **10 people**.

COLLECTION

The Easter collection is next week. Please use your envelope for this purpose.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please take home a Trócaire box which is available at the main church door.

READERS

We are looking for readers, especially Sunday mornings. If interested contact Fr O'Reilly.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Lent the diocese is offering a video series, led by Bishop Denis, with three stations each week. The Stations can be accessed on kandle.ie from 3 pm each Friday during Lent. It is also available in written format for those who prefer to pray the stations in that way. The video reflections are read by people from the diocese who have been seriously impacted by COVID.

TIDY TOWNS

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No household rubbish is to be put into bins in the village. Laois County Council will not take the bins if there is household rubbish present. This has been a problem recently with people being seen to put household rubbish in these bins. It only costs €3 to dispose of a bag at a landfill site.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP

A clean up will take place Wednesday March 10 at 10:30 am meeting at Clonaslee Heritage Centre to sweep, weed and litter pick. All welcome and please wear a hi viz jacket and bring your own gloves.

LAOIS GAA MONSTER DRAW 2021

It is that time of the year again and we are asking for your support once more. The cost is €130 or 4 monthly instalments of €32.50. Each ticket sold by our club generates €115 for our club! The ticket covers one adult and kids membership for 2021. If you are in a position to purchase a ticket in full or monthly instalments of 4 please contact any committee member or your seller from last year, and if you are unable to continue your support, we thank you once more.

FREE STRESS CONTROL PROGRAMME

HSE Health and Wellbeing are offering a free Stress Control programme, beginning March 8, 2021. Stress Control is evidence-based that teaches you practical skills to deal with stress. It helps participants recognise the signs of stress. It covers topics including how stress affects our bodies and our thoughts. It teaches skills to overcome panicky feelings and tips to getting a good night's sleep. The sessions are presented

by Dr Jim White, an internationally recognised expert in stress management. This is a free

programme and to participate simply visit www.stresscontrol.ie The sessions are 90 minutes and will cover different topics.

CLONASLEE PARISH LOTTO

During Level 5 restrictions, the lotto will be postponed until a later date

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY

The library is closed for business and will remain so for the duration of Level 5 restrictions. Our online services are available 24/7. Would you like to be able to Access your local library Services on the Internet, download your favourite books or listen to audio books but you're not sure how to do this. Let our Library Digital Ambassadors show you how to get on-line. You don't even have to be a member of your local library already; we'll help you join. To find out more contact: Portlaoise Library, Tel: 057-362-2333, Email: library@laoiscoco.ie As part of the Keep Well campaign, Yvonne Cart of Hey Pesto will hold a four-week cookery class over Zoom every Thursday evening in March at 6:30 pm. Join Mary Ananda Shakti and laugh your stress away on Thurs March 11th at 11:30 am over Zoom. Online short story club will run monthly from till May 2021. To register your interest in any of the above classes email mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie. For those over 65 and cocooning Laois Libraries will deliver books, talking books or DVD'S to your door. Call 057-864-4572 Tuesday -Friday 10 am-1pm. and 2-5 pm if you wish to avail of this service.